

These Men HAVE COMPLETED 352 YEARS OF SERVICE With Whitin

CHESTER R. GREENWOOD

CHESTER R. GREENWOOD, Inspection Supervisor of Departments 448 A, B, C, and 433, was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on September 24, 1886. After attending Woonsocket High School, he became an employee of the Whitin Machine Works in 1907. For a brief period of time he left the employ of the Company. He returned in 1908. He has been a resident of Whitinsville since those days and now lives at 4 Maple Street.

On December 9, 1909, he and Elizabeth Dunkley, of Whitinsville, were married in the Episcopal Church, Providence. Their eldest son, Kenneth, is Foreman of the Creel Job and their other son, Donald of Shrewsbury, is a service engineer with a welding company in Worcester. Chet has three grandsons and three granddaughters.

His career at Whitin began on the Drawing Job. Later he worked on the Spindle Job. From there he went on the road erecting Whitin machinery for his brother, William Greenwood, who was Superintendent of Erectors. After seven or eight years of this type of work he transferred to the Spinning floor as a fitter. Later he became an inspector and in recent years has been a supervisor.

Chet has seen many changes take place in the Shop and its buildings. When he first came to Whitin the Foundry was located near the end of the area now occupied by Department 433 (Framework Machine Division). The Company's horse barn stood where the Foundry's main entrance is presently located.

Chet's favorite hobby is plug casting for bass, generally at the Meadow Pond. Although he never learned to swim, he spent many hours fishing from a canoe. As far as baseball is concerned, he claims that he is not a Red Sox fan but is a Ted Williams fan.

JOSEPH J. RENEAU

JOSEPH J. RENEAU was born in Whitinsville on September 29, 1894, on Pond Street. The house in which he was born was razed when the present Foundry was built. Joe has always lived in Whitinsville. He attended Northbridge High School and graduated from Hill College. He owns the house in which he lives at 674B Hill Street.

He was married on April 5, 1920, in St. Patrick's Church to Blanche Champagne of Whitinsville. Their son Edward is now employed by Wyman-Gordon.

Joe's continuous service at Whitin dates from November, 1908. For forty-nine years, until the department was shifted to the South, he worked on the Roll Job. He now sets up and operates a big Ingersoll miller on the Planer Job.

During World War I he served as a master sergeant in the Army. Among his squadron mates in the 869th Aero Squadron at Kelly Field, Texas, were Captains Eddie Rickenbacker and Eddie Stinson.

Joe makes good use of his leisure time. He is active in Northbridge Centre civic affairs and is vice-president of the Northbridge Centre Community Association. He is looking forward to his retirement, for this will give him more time to devote to his hobbies which range from building birdhouses to raising strawberries.

ANDON ASADOORIAN

ANDON ASADOORIAN, of the Annealing Room, was born in Harpoot, Armenia, on April 4, 1891. He started his employment at the Whitin Machine Works in January, 1909. His first job was in the Cast Iron Room and shortly thereafter he transferred to the Annealing Room. In those days he frequently gave haircuts to his fellow workers, for he had mastered the trade of barber by the time he was twelve.

Andon married Azniv Donabedian, now deceased, in Whitinsville on May 30, 1914. Andon has five sons—Oscar, Leo, Abraham, Souren, and John—and two daughters—Helen and Mary. He also has two grandsons and three granddaughters. These youngsters are his chief interest.

In 1921 he bought two two-family houses, one of which he lives in at 357 Church Street, Whitinsville. He is a citizen of the United States. He devotes much of his spare time to his vegetable garden and he is a member of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Club of Whitinsville.

KACHADOOR BOGHOSIAN

KACHADOOR "ARCHIE" BOGHOSIAN, Herman Molding Machine operator in the Foundry, was born October 16, 1893 in the small village of Pazmashen, Harpoot, Armenia. During his youth, his one ambition was to come to America. His dream was realized in 1909 when he landed in Philadelphia after travelling by way of Greece, France, and England. From Philadelphia he came directly to Whitinsville.

He started his employment at Whitin on February 19, 1909, working on the Chuck Job and the Polishing Job. A few years later he became an employee of the Foundry.

"Archie" and Mrs. Boghosian, the former Almas Avakian, were married July 15, 1923. They have two daughters, one son and three grandsons. One daughter is a nurse, the other daughter, now married, is a former secretary, and their son is a college graduate who is employed at the Morgan Construction Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Boghosian own the house in which they live at 31 Willow Street, having bought this dwelling about three years ago. One daughter lives in the house Archie built about nine years ago on Elm Place.

"Archie" likes to spend his spare time with his friends at the ARF Club. He is chairman of the board of trustees of the Armenian Apostolic Church. He has been a citizen of this country since September 27, 1933.

DAVID MAGILL

DAVID MAGILL, of the Methods Department, was born in Whitinsville on July 25, 1893. After attending the local schools, he started work at Whitin on April 18, 1909, in Department 411. He rose to foreman of this department in 1934, a position he held until 1944, when he transferred to the Methods Department as a tool engineer. He received his present classification of machine specialist in 1952.

Dave and Katherine Steele were married on June 30, 1923. They have two daughters and a son. Dave and Mrs. Magill live in the house they own at 73 Main Street, Whitinsville. During World War I, Dave served as a machinist's mate in the U. S. Navy. He formerly was a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the American Legion. Today he claims an interest in "the Red Sox, such as they are." He has been considering resuming his former activities of rabbit hunting and trout fishing.

FRED COWBURN

Although it is a half century since he left England, Fred Cowburn, First Class Planer Shaper hand on the Tool Job, still speaks with the soft burr of Lancashire in his voice. He was born in Blackburn on February 3, 1891. At the age of 12 years he began work in a mill and two years later started his apprenticeship as a machinist at Yates & Tohoms, engineers and boilermakers. In 1909, when he was eighteen, he came to the United States with his mother and sister, landing in Boston on November 11. (His brother Harry followed them a year later.)

Fred's arrival in this country was on a Thursday, so it was not until the following Monday—November 15—that he started his employment in the Small Planer Department which was then under the supervision of William Blair. In later years Fred worked on punch presses and on automatic screw machines. He has worked on the Tool Job for about fifteen years.

On August 9, 1916, he and Anne Garnett were married in Whitinsville. They have a daughter, Mrs. Alice Bolivar, and a grandson, James Edwin Bolivar. Fred and Anne live at 40 Elm Street, Whitinsville. They recently returned from a trip (1104 miles one way) to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they visited Fred's brother, Harry. Fred surprised the residents of the area by going swimming daily in the Gulf in winter.

Fred has been a citizen of the United States since 1914. He is a member of the Manchester Unity I.O.O.F. and of Trinity Episcopal Church. He was a member of the Carol Singers when the group was active. For eighteen years, in his spare time, he played soccer. Today he bowls twice a week. He also enjoys TV, watching baseball, basketball, wrestling, boxing, and hockey. His favorite teams are the Yankees and the Celtics.

GARABED DerSARKISIAN

GARABED DERSARKISIAN, a forging hammer hand in the Blacksmith Shop, was born May 3, 1893, in the village of Pazmashen, Harpoot, Armenia. As a youth of sixteen, he came to the United States by way of Liverpool, England. His ship docked in Portland, Maine, on February 2, 1909. Two days later he arrived in Whitinsville.

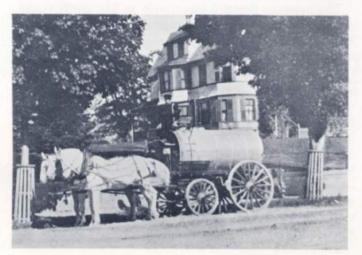
Due to depressed business conditions, Garabed didn't start work at Whitin until August 15, 1909. His first job was in the Cast Iron Room and, after three years, he transferred to the Blacksmith Shop.

Garabed and Beyzar Hamparsumian were married on September 3, 1922. Owners of their house at 926 Providence Road, they have a son, two daughters, two grandsons, and a granddaughter. One of their daughters, Sara, is employed in the Top Roll Department.

Garabed is very proud of his gardening, for he grows "almost every kind of vegetable except potatoes" as well as a variety of flowers. He sometimes goes deep sea fishing with his fellow members of the ARF Club. He particularly enjoyed a three months vacation he spent in 1945 when he visited California with his family.

Recalling that both his grandfather and an uncle were ministers, he points out that he is a member of the Armenian Apostolic Church which he helped build. An important date in his life is February 12, 1940, when he received his citizenship papers.







Many changes have taken place in Whitinsville since the days when the seven men mentioned here started their employment at the Whitin Machine Works. Pictured on these pages are a few scenes which were familiar to these fifty-year men in the early 1900's. (1) This bandstand, the site of many concerts, stood for years near the gate to the present Arcade Division. (2) The organ grinder visits Pond Street. Shown in the background is the Company's barn which housed horses, mules and oxen. Fourteen 4-tenement houses and the barn were razed around the turn of the century to make space for our present foundry. (3) Before the roads in Whitinsville were paved, sprinkler wagons were used regularly to keep the dust down. in honor of SERVICE





Mr. Swift presented a gold watch to each of the new fifty-year men. Fred Cowburn is pictured receiving his watch and the hearty congratulations of Mr. Swift

President J. Hugh Bolton congratulated Susanna Gusney, first woman to complete 40 years of service at Whitin. Miss Gusney was presented a service pin set with eight sapphires

RENEWING an old tradition, 282 senior employees of the Whitin Machine Works were the guests of E. Kent Swift, Sr., Chairman of the Board, and J. Hugh Bolton, President, at a banquet in the Cafeteria, April 30.

After Mr. Swift had extended warm, personal greetings to the veterans, Mr. Bolton congratulated them on their many years of service to the Company and assured them that he and Mr. Swift had looked forward to this meeting with the senior employees.

The forty-five new members of the forty-year group then received their service pins and the congratulations of Mr. Bolton, who pointed out that Miss Susanna Gusney, a comber needle setter in the Linwood Division, was the first woman in Whitin history to complete 40 years of service with the Company.

Seven men—two in 1958 and five in 1959—had reached the fifty-year mark and were presented gold watches by Mr. Swift. Those who had completed fifty years were Chester R. Greenwood, Joseph J. Reneau, Andon Asadoorian, Archie Boghosian, David Magill, Garabed DerSarkisian and Fred Cowburn.

Mr. Swift said he knew of no company with greater seniority than that achieved by Whitin employees, a total of 13,074 years' service. He pointed out that among the active employees are two who have worked more than sixty years, nineteen who have worked from fifty to fifty-nine years, and one hundred and twenty who have worked from forty to forty-nine years. Mr. Swift also mentioned with pride the senior employees who have retired and who are no longer active in the Company. Among these are three employees who served the firm more than sixty years, forty-nine for fifty or more years, and eighty-nine for forty or more years. There are now 141 active employees and 141 inactive. During the past two years the senior employees have increased by fourteen.

The veterans listened attentively as Mr. Swift spoke of the years they had spent together in Whitin service. He said, "Speaking for myself as a veteran, they have been very happy years for me and I believe I can speak for the rest of you that they have been happy and satisfactory years. We—each of us—have contributed our best to the prosperity of the Shop and the community, and I believe we have added to its contentment and well-being."

Mr. Swift expressed with pride that Whitin, while honoring the record of the past, was forging ahead in these changing times. Many other concerns, he said, in similar lines of business have gone out of existence in recent years but Whitin remains, doing business on the site where it began 128 years ago.

The evening concluded with professional entertainment.



Banquet Entertainers

Songstress Miss Yolanda, in addition to singing South American and popular ditties, served as master of ceremonies in the entertainment which concluded the Senior Employees' Banquet

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The Powell sisters, ballet dancers, added a note of grace to the entertainment. Their dancing was smooth and sophisticated



Any magician can pull a rabbit out of a hat, but magician Tony Marks really surprised the spectators with this jumbo-sized one which he apparently pulled from the air

282 Loyal Whitin Employees Have Given 13,074 Years of Continuous Service

SIXTY YEARS' SERVICE

Active

William J. McNeill.....October, 1898 Peter T. Baker...January, 1899

Retired

Joseph M. Bouvier, December, 1890 to June 27, 1952 Edward C. Driscoll, December, 1895 to December 28, 1956 Henry Graves, March, 1893 to December 31, 1953



FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE Active

E. Kent Swift	.September 1, 1900
Ralph E. Lincoln	.July 1, 1901
R. I. Dalton	.June 19, 1902

Mr. E. Kent Swift, Sr., on one of his periodic tours of the Plant, pauses to chat with William J. McNeill, who began work at Whitin in 1898 and is the Company's oldest employee in terms of service. After 59 years, Mr. Swift maintains undiminished interest in the Company



FIFTY OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: Thomas O'Connell, Sr., Samuel Finney, John F. Carroll, E. Kent Swift, Sr., William J. McNeill, Sr., Jacob Deranian, Peter T. Baker, Edward Driscoll, and Mathias McNeil (42 years). Second row: Sipke Oppewall, Albert Buma, and Winford Jones



FIFTY OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: Edward Letourneau, Henry Ebbeling, Thomas Crompton, Adolphe Roy, James B. Finney, Andrew Baird, William Feddema, Charles Nigohosian, and Arthur F. Jackman. Second row: Esten D. Lermond, Arthur L. Marshall, Henry Graves, Oliver Copeland, Dowell A. Corron, James B. Forsythe, Lucien Blouin, and Nazaire Laferriere. Third row: Oscar Martin, Joseph Dumais, Earl Hanny, Broer DeVries, Arthur Hall, Henry B. Stuart, Harry Drinkwater, Stephen Machoian, and Samuel Cleland

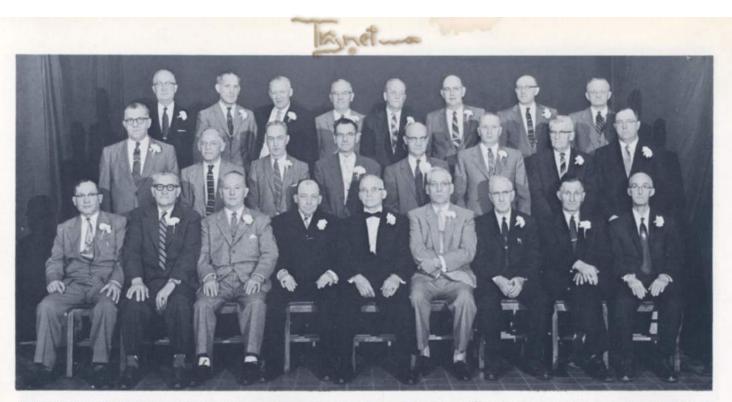
John J. Pichette	1903
W. Winford Jones August, 1	903
James B. ForsytheJune, 190	14
Arsan OvoianJuly, 190	5
Louis R. VeauNovember	
Lucien BlouinApril, 19	
Dowell CorronJune, 190	
Samuel Cleland August, 1	
William FeddemaOctober, 1	
Chester R. GreenwoodJanuary,	
Joseph J. Reneau November	
Andon Asadoorian January,	
Archie BoghosianFebruary	
David MagillApril, 19	
Garabed DerSarkisianAugust, 1	
Fred CowburnNovember	

Retired

Jacob Deranian, October, 1892 to July 3, 1952 John F. Carroll, January, 1883 to April 1, 1941 Stephen Machoian, May 7, 1900 to June 27, 1958 Jacob Feddema, May, 1892 to March 3, 1950 Andrew R. Cahill, April, 1899 to December 28, 1956 Earl Hanny, October, 1895 to November 25, 1952 Arthur Hall, October, 1895 to August 18, 1952 George Ferry, June, 1895 to August 20, 1951 Oscar Martin, July, 1902 to August 29, 1958 Arthur St. Andre, November, 1901 to November 15, 1957

Rein Workman, September, 1895 to October 1, 1951 Thomas Crompton, June, 1889 to January 5, 1945 William McNaul, June, 1895 to April 7, 1950 Samuel Finney, February, 1900 to July 1, 1954 Joseph Baillargeon, June, 1904 to April 18, 1958 William Sherry, March, 1896 to November 18, 1949 John Leech, May 8, 1899 to November 29, 1952 Peter Goodhue, November, 1887 to January 28, 1941 Charles Nigohosian, July, 1899 to August 18, 1952 George A. Forsythe, July, 1899 to July 25, 1952 Adolphe Roy, April, 1900 to March 27, 1953 William J. Forsythe, June, 1901 to January 29, 1954 Esten D. Lermond, November, 1904 to June 30, 1957 Thomas P. Dunn, June, 1901 to December 31, 1953 John Shaw, September, 1901 to December 31, 1953 Simon Chiras, July, 1901 to August 15, 1953 Exanapha Letourneau, June, 1901 to July 21, 1953 Nazaire D. Laferriere, June, 1906 to June 27, 1958 Albert F. Hewett, June, 1892 to April 1, 1944 Albert Montgomery, January, 1905 to October 31, 1956 Harry W. Drinkwater, June, 1907 to February 27, 1959 Joseph Dumais, June, 1905 to December 28, 1956 Harold Oakes, September, 1905 to March 29, 1957 Andrew Baird, June, 1899 to December 29, 1950 James B. Finney, September, 1902 to November 27, 1953 Albert Buma, April, 1906 to June 30, 1957 Arthur VanDyke, May, 1901 to July 1, 1952 Henry Ebbeling, May, 1901 to June 27, 1952 William V. Ledue, December 23, 1902 to December 31, 1953

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NEW FORTY YEAR EMPLOYEES. First row, from the left: George Beaudoin, William Ferland, Raymond A. Basinet, Henry J. Laflamme, Edmond Morel, Arthur Belval, Welcome Marshall, Angus Parker, Sr., and F. Merwin Brown. Second row: Herman J. Haringa, Armand Pinsonneault, William R. Brown, Alphonse Pariseau, Albert Bouchard, Edward J. Milliken, Raymond Fullerton, and Charles H. Coombs. Third row: Everett M. Johnston, Louis Belval, Leon H. Barnes, Henry A. Kooistra, Paul C. Grant, James V. Connors, Daniel Gonlag, and Edgar Baker

Henry B. Stuart, August, 1906 to June 30, 1957 Arthur Jackman, June, 1907 to May 31, 1958 Oliver H. Copeland, November, 1906 to June 30, 1957 Arthur Marshall, June, 1907 to February 7, 1958 Thomas O'Connell, September, 1899 to March 18, 1950 Thomas G. Hamilton, December, 1906 to April 12, 1957 Broer DeVries, March, 1903 to April 24, 1953 Sipke Oppewall, June, 1906 to June 29, 1956 Charles Newton, January, 1895 to January, 1945 Arthur Baillargeon, March, 1905 to January 28, 1955

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE

Active

Walter BoutilierJanuary, 1910
James Cahill
Fred KramerMarch, 1910
Timothy BrosnahanApril, 1910
Deller J. DuhamelApril, 1910
Harold KaneJune, 1910
Sydney R. MasonJuly 1, 1910
Archie L. FournierOctober, 1910
John DufriesApril, 1911
Frank MaguireNovember, 1911
James J. Gusney January, 1912
Toros ShaharianJanuary, 1912
Harry Kearnan
Paul P. Rutana
Lester HewettMarch, 1912
Charles T. NobleApril 1, 1912
Joseph BerkowiczJune, 1912

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NEW FORTY YEAR EMPLOYEES. From the left: Edmond P. Brouillette, John V. Walsh, Burton A. Robie, Jacob DeJong, Susanna Gusney, Henry S. Crawford, J. Iver Johnson, and Leo B. Maguire

Frank Rybak	June, 1915
Victor G. St. Andre	September, 1915
Felix Yongsma	September, 1915
Hoogas S. Hoogoian	October, 1915
Martin J. Sharkey	October, 1915
P. Frank Shugrue	October, 1915
Earle S. Hammond	November, 1915
Leland A. Hemenway	November, 1915
Joseph N. Leclair	
Kenneth E. Benner	February 15, 1916
Wilfred Liberty	
Abraham Ovian	April, 1916
Irving F. Orrell	June, 1916
Wilfred Vallee	
Rolandus C. Petty	
Leon Garabedian	August, 1916
Wilfred St. Jean	August, 1916
Raymond F. Adams	November, 1916
Richard O. Williams	December 29, 1916
William J. Crawford	January 17, 1917
Alfred J. LeBlanc	April, 1917
John T. Lash	
Karl H. Rankin	
Sydney Dufries	
George E. Kane	
Thomas F. O'Neil	
Frank S. Blakely	
John E. Connors	December, 1917
H. Irving Dalton	
Peter Frieswyck	February, 1918
Edgar Baker	April, 1918
Arthur Belval	
Henry S. Crawford	
Jacob DeJong	
Everett Johnston	June, 1918

Daniel D. Gonlag	August, 1918
F. Merwin Brown	
William Ferland	
Harry Moss	
Raymond A. Basinet	November, 1918
Edmond P. Brouillette	December, 1918
William R. Brown	December, 1918
Melvin J. Young	December, 1918
Edmond Morel	
George Beaudoin	
Albert Bouchard	
J. Iver Johnson	
Henry A. Kooistra	February 6, 1919
Leo B. Maguire	February, 1919
Eugene E. Thomas	
Leon H. Barnes	May 7, 1919
Burton A. Robie	May, 1919
John V. Walsh	June, 1919
Charles H. Coombs	July, 1919
Paul C. Grant, Jr.	July 1, 1919
Abraham Mustafa	July, 1919
Raymond Fullerton	August 8, 1919
Angus Parker	August 11, 1919
Fred A. Brown	September, 1919
William J. Dunleavy	September, 1919
Armand C. Pinsonneault	September, 1919
Richard VanDyke	September, 1919
Harold E. Adams	October, 1919
Louis O. Belval	October 25, 1919
Arthur J. Gauvin	October, 1919
Welcome C. Marshall	October, 1919
Edward Milliken	October 6, 1919
James V. Connors	November, 1919
Herman J. Haringa	November, 1919
William E. Haworth	November 17, 1919



FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: James Spence, Moses Malkasian, Peter Johnson, Oscar Antoian, Bernard DeVries, James Krull, John Lamont, Edward Jennings, Albin W. Nelson. Second row: Philip Farrell, Robert Wilson, Charles Barney, Hugh Brown, Willis J. Winchenbach, Karl H. Rankine, Edward Bibeau, Leroy Rollins, Thomas F. O'Neil. Third row: Frank Blakely, Robert Blakely, Thomas H. Driscoll, Irving F. Orrell, George Kane, James Cahill, Frank Shugrue, Sidney Dufries, John E. Healey

Henry J. LaFlamme	.November,	1919
Susanna Gusney (Miss)	. December,	1919

Retired

Adolph Morin, September, 1906 to May 31, 1956 Arthur L. Prince, January, 1905 to July 30, 1954 Robert G. McKaig, June 17, 1907 to December, 1956 Albertus Lafleur, December, 1895 to March 29, 1945 Joseph Courteau, November, 1905 to November 24, 1954 Philip A. Belanger, June, 1909 to June 27, 1958 Hugh F. Brown, June, 1906 to April 29, 1955 Michael J. Zylstra, August, 1909 to June 27, 1958 Thomas H. Driscoll, November, 1909 to April 15, 1958 Fred Matthewman, July, 1896 to October 1, 1944 John Moscofian, August, 1906 to September 30, 1954 Gerben Oppewall, November, 1905 to November 30, 1953 Housep Hagopian, June, 1906 to May 7, 1954

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: Robert Smyth, Philip Belanger, Alire Pouliot, Archie Fournier, John T. Lash, H. Irving Dalton, Abraham Mustafa, Madiros Hampartzoomian, Frank Nastor. Second row: Ysbrand Brouwer, Frank Rybak, Jacob Feddema, Gilbert Harwood, Israel Ovoian, Alfred LeBlanc, Paul Rutana, Joseph Berkowicz. Third row: Leon Garabedian, John Rutana, Peter Michalik, Leland Hemenway, Hagop Hogooian, Raymond Barlow, Arthur Leavitt, Lee McFarland





FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. First row, from the left: John A. Nelson, Dick Malkasian, Michael Der Kosrofian, Robert Lawson, Arthur Gauvin, James Jones, Adolph Morin, Roupen Degermanjian, Wilfred Vallee. Second row: Andrew Buwalda, Harry Bailey, Charles J. Noble, Joseph Hetherington, Louis Vincent, Alfred Charbonneau, Benjamin Scott, Wilfred St. Jean. Third row: Forrest D. Peck, Harry Jackson, Arshag Goshgarian, Michael Zylstra, Timothy Brosnahan, Leon Garabedian, James S. Ferry

Peter A. Michalik, June, 1908 to April 27, 1956 Peter Ledoux, April, 1906 to December 28, 1953 Ernest Keyes, December, 1901 to August 31, 1949 Robert Blakely, January, 1906 to July 3, 1953 Andrew Buwalda, June, 1905 to November 7, 1952 James M. Krull, October, 1906 to February 26, 1954 Octave Leblanc, October 12, 1911 to November 29, 1958 Napoleon E. Millette, 1906 to October 23, 1953 Peter Johnson, June 15, 1907 to March 26, 1954 John Rutana, June, 1912 to February 27, 1959 George Armston, May, 1910 to December 29, 1956 Albin W. Nelson, March 3, 1912 to October 31, 1958 Moses Malkasian, December, 1908 to May 18, 1955 Willis J. Winchenback, February, 1908 to June 30, 1954 Simon Wolock, January, 1908 to March 1, 1954 James Spence, April, 1912 to January 3, 1958 John J. Sullivan, September, 1907 to February 27, 1953 Israel Ovoian, June, 1912 to November 27, 1957 Harvey J. Deslauriers, November, 1908 to March 26, 1954 Hagop Hoogoian, July, 1906 to May 25, 1951 Garabed Bedrosian, October 5, 1912 to June 28, 1957 John Lamont, October, 1912 to June 30, 1957 Alfred M. Langlois, April, 1909 to September 1, 1953 James H. Jones, June, 1909 to September 25, 1953 Joseph Hetherington, Sr., October, 1909 to January, 1954 Fred J. Muse, April, 1914 to June 27, 1958 James Kane, July, 1906 to September 15, 1950 Louis Hanson, September, 1912 to November 1, 1956 W. J. Kearnan, June, 1895 to July, 1939 Mardiros Hampartzoomian, July, 1910 to June 1, 1954 Alire J. Pouliot, August, 1909 to December 29, 1953 Simon A. Platukis, March, 1909 to November 25, 1952 John Martin, September, 1909 to May 21, 1953 Roupen Degermanjian, October, 1914 to June 28, 1958

Edward Bibeau, March, 1915 to November 15, 1958 Robert Smyth, April, 1910 to August 28, 1953 Robert Lawson, June, 1912 to September 30, 1955 Bernard DeVries, January, 1914 to April 30, 1957 Joseph F. Checchi, June, 1914 to September 30, 1957 Lewis P. Kenney, April, 1915 to July 31, 1958 Louis Vincent, March, 1911 to May 31, 1954 Robert Clark, Jr., June, 1908 to August 6, 1951 Harold C. Warren, November, 1915 to January 1, 1959 Martin O'Day, June 19, 1909 to July 3, 1952 Timothy Nutter, October, 1900 to 1943 John Baker, June, 1915 to February 28, 1958 Louis Pieleski, January, 1916 to October 28, 1958 Newell S. Oliver, July, 1916 to February 27, 1959 Ysbrand Brouwer, February, 1908 to September 1, 1950 John A. Nelson, December, 1915 to June 27, 1958 James C. Henderson, April, 1910 to September 27, 1952 W. D. Lyerly, July 17, 1912 to December 31, 1954 Edward Jennings, April, 1911 to September 1, 1953 Arthur Chabot, March, 1916 to June 30, 1958 Oscar Antoian, April, 1912 to July 1, 1954 Mathias H. McNeil, May, 1912 to May 14, 1954 Frank Zajonc, June, 1916 to June 27, 1958 James McCabe, November, 1910 to November 13, 1952 Arshog Goshgarian, April, 1916 to April 25, 1958 Sies Schat, May, 1912 to March 31, 1954 Albert E. Gill, August, 1915 to June 30, 1957 Jacob Kooistra, October, 1899 to April, 1941 Gilbert Harwood, Sr., July, 1909 to January 26, 1951 Philip T. Farrell, March, 1914 to July 8, 1955 Karl Lewicke, June, 1914 to September 30, 1955 Ernest M. Payson, January, 1917 to April 30, 1958 Forrest D. Peck, April, 1916 to June 28, 1957 John A. Howard, August, 1908 to October 24, 1949

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John E. Healey, April, 1917 to March 28, 1958 Frank Nastor, August, 1915 to June 29, 1956 Harry Jackson, January, 1915 to September 30, 1955 Lee P. McFarland, July, 1915 to March 31, 1956 Albert H. Haslam, February 2, 1916 to June 6, 1956 Alphonse Pariseau, August, 1918 to October 10, 1958 Chester Clark, September, 1918 to September 30, 1958 John H. Branigan, June, 1905 to March 30, 1945

FORTY THROUGH FORTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE. Front row, from the left: Nelson Leclaire, Alexander Jongsma, Frank Maguire, Jacob Youngsma, Felix Youngsma. Second row: Ralph E. Lincoln (58 years), Harry Moss, John Baker, Cecil Baker, Hoogas Hoogoian, Harvey Deslauriers, Sr.



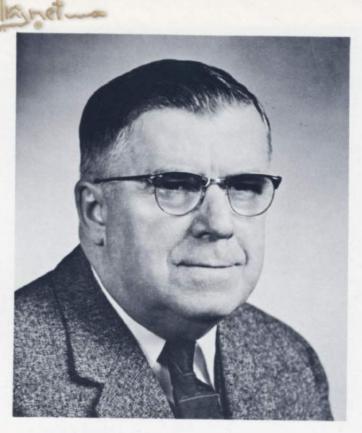


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DON'T FORGET YOUR GYM

AN UNUSUAL CAMPAIGN to raise \$50,000 by public subscription to restore the Community Gymnasium is now ending. We hope the campaign has been a complete success. If you have not made your donation, please do so soon.

The pages of the SPINDLE over many years have reflected the hundreds of activities that affect the lives and recreational activities of everybody in this area in basketball, swimming, tennis, photography, arts and crafts. The Gym has also served as an area center of activity for boy scouts, girl scouts, Retired Men's Club, hobby shows, Junior Rifle Club and many other community recreational activities. The gymnasium facilities, swimming facilities and the complete recreational equipment of the building have made a magnificent contribution to the betterment of life for the whole area. The continuation of its program is vitally important to all of us in the area.



Whitin Personality

EDWARD L. MARSHALL, Foreman of Department 448B (Twister Erecting) is a man who likes to sing. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church Choir, the Whitin Male Glee Club, and the Choraleers.

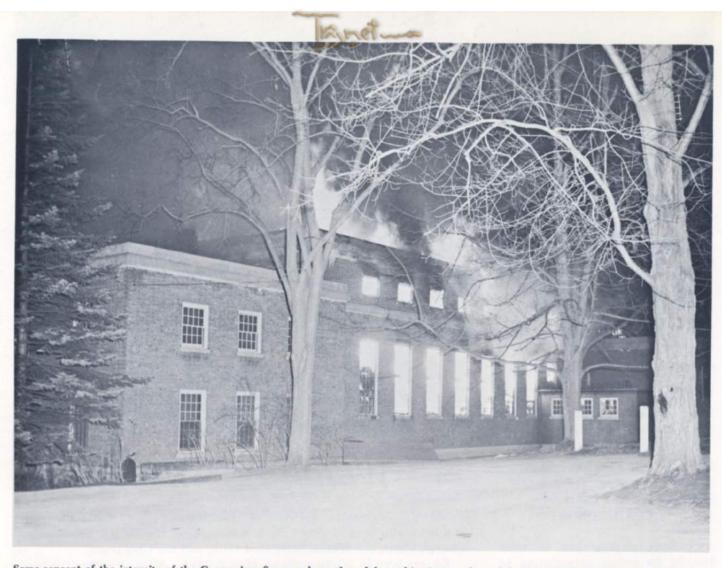
Ed was born in Whitinsville on May 7, 1895. After attending the local schools, at the age of sixteen he started his employment at the Whitin Machine Works on the Roll Job. For some years he worked on the Roll Job, Spindle Job, and as a roadman. In the early 1920's, he left Whitin for a brief period to work for a Worcester asbestos firm. On January 20, 1923, he returned to Whitin.

It was after his return to the position of Whitin roadman that he met Helen Douglas of Union Mills, New Brunswick. They were married in Canada on October 21, 1925. They now live at 25 Leland Road, Whitinsville.

After a number of years erecting textile machinery in the mills, Ed discontinued being a roadman. He worked on the Picker Job, then as an inspector on spinning. At the beginning of World War II he was made supervisor of the limited war time production of spinning frames and twisters for wool and worsted. He was made assistant foreman in 1947 and foreman in 1948.

As a young man, Ed developed an almost-forgotten skill. He was a licensed operator of a movie projector for the Prospect Theater in the days when the film was cranked by hand and the light came from carbon arc. As an operator, he showed movies in Whitinsville and many nearby towns.

FRONT COVER: In this issue of the SPINDLE we salute the senior employees of the Whitin Machine Works, particularly the seven men on the cover of this issue who this year have entered the ranks of the fifty year men and the 45 employees who were presented their 40-year service pins in April.



Some concept of the intensity of the Gymnasium fire may be gathered from this picture taken of the rear of the building about forty-five minutes after the sounding of the alarm. The Gym is a roaring inferno with flames rising more than twenty feet above the roof which has not yet fallen

\$250,000 TO RESTORE FIRE-DAMAGED GYM

FIRE destroyed the main interior of the Whitin Community Gymnasium during the early morning hours of Sunday, April 5. Of uncertain origin and possibly starting in the southeastern corner of the Gym, the fire had reached such proportions by the time it was reported that it required nearly eighty firemen from the fire departments of Whitinsville, Uxbridge, and Rockdale over two-and-a-half hours to extinguish the blaze. Flames leaping through the roof were visible for miles and attracted a throng of spectators.

Firemen fought doggedly to contain the blaze. They were hampered by intense heat and smoke as flames leaped from the walls to the balcony and into the roof. Steel girders buckled and the roof fell. Yet not only was the fire prevented from spreading to nearby buildings, but the wings of the Gymnasium, containing the offices and swimming pool, were preserved. However, offices and meeting rooms on both floors of the administrative section were charred. Water nearly three feet deep damaged basement areas. Fortunately, records and files were undamaged.

The community center was built as a memorial to George Marston Whitin who for many years headed the Whitin Machine Works and was a dominating figure in the textile machinery industry. The land on which the Gym was built, formerly part of the John C. Whitin estate, was given by three grandchildren of John C. Whitin: Mrs. George Marston Whitin, Chester W. Lasell, and J. M. Lasell. The Gym proper was financed by George Marston Whitin's four daughters: This was the morning after the fire as firemen and fire inspectors viewed the damage. Tangled steel in the opening at upper right shows the remains of movie projection booth. Although the booth was asbestos-lined it did not prevent the fire from spreading through to the east wing. Intense heat buckled steel trusses, steel purlins between trusses, balcony supports, and balcony railings. Even though torrents of burning tar cascaded down from the roof, the floor did not burn, thus preventing the fire from carrying to the basement





Fire Chief P. B. Walker and Deputy Chief Hemenway inspect the corner where the fire started. The cause is undetermined. The fire had burned at least four hours before it was reported, building up intense heat and producing combustible gases so that the building was near the exploding point when firemen arrived. Path of fire was from starting point up back of bleacher seats to balcony into roof

The damage was severe, estimated at \$250,000. This shot shows the complete destruction of the balcony framework and severe damage to the structural steel which supported the roof. The brick walls were so damaged that both north and south walls required rebuilding from the main window sills up. Interior brick wall near stage was destroyed

Mrs. L. M. Keeler, Mrs. S. R. Mason, Mrs. E. K. Swift, and Mrs. W. C. Crane. Money for the pool was given by the Whitin Machine Works. Construction, at a cost something over \$140,000, was by the Aberthaw Construction Company.

The Gym opened its doors to the public for the first time on Saturday, July 7, 1923. After decades of service to the community and surrounding areas, the doors have been closed temporarily because of the fire damage. However, a public fund drive was started May 1 to raise the \$50,000 needed to rebuild the structure. The sum is in addition to the \$200,000 realized from the insurance.

The swimming pool will be opened around July 1 but the remainder of the building will not be available before the first of next year.



Massachusetts Industry Believes . .

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Massachusetts is today one of the nation's ten leading industrial states. Industry is the Bay State's major economic resource, and for that reason, the State's prosperity is directly related to the growth and expansion of its industries. The increased employment opportunities necessary to continue the high standard of living of Massachusetts citizens can be provided only if there is continuous industrial expansion and development. On this basis, Massachusetts industry is vitally interested in developing to the fullest extent the assets and advantages of this Commonwealth.

Like every other group, industry must consider the problem of self-preservation in Massachusetts. But, coupled to the future of manufacturing in this state is the job security of the thousands of employees who depend on industry for their livelihood.

Industry knows that Massachusetts has a wealth of important assets—skilled labor, good labor relations, unequalled educational facilities, great cultural opportunities, for example. And Massachusetts is an excellent state in which to live and raise a family. But, in spite of these precious assets, industry does not have in Massachusetts a healthy atmosphere in which the tremendous industrial potential of this state can be realized. Against the assets and advantages which Massachusetts offers, businessmen in this Commonwealth must also weigh the effect of certain handicaps. Some of these disadvantages were created by nature itself and often have no remedy. However, most of the industrial handicaps in Massachusetts result from laws, which are man-made by politicians, and therefore *can* be changed and improved.

The Bay State's natural handicaps come from a total lack of raw materials, distance from the markets, and from sources of raw materials. These add to the cost of goods produced here and thus put the Massachusetts manufacturer at a disadvantage to his competitors in other states. Instead of helping industry to overcome these natural handicaps to competition, state and local politicians have *added* more man-made competitive costs which compound the problem. These man-made handicaps—which are really the only ones Massachusetts can do anything about—are a major part of what has been called the business climate.

Industry recognizes that the business climate has not been created by one legislature, or one administration or one party. Rather, the Massachusetts business climate has been determined by the accumulation of laws and decisions by State government over the years.

Industry views with considerable apprehension a number of major proposals now pending before the Legislature. If enacted into law, these proposals would impose new financial burdens upon industry in Massachusetts and serve as a further deterrent to economic growth and development. Such proposals are not only a threatening shadow over industry now operating in the state, but also a stop signal both to industries considering expansion and to new industries which might come into the state. Examples of such proposals include the unemployment compensation bills recently endorsed by the legislative Committee on Labor and Industries which would add an estimated \$181/2 million a year to employer tax bills; certain proposals to further liberalize the Workmen's Compensation insurance system which would add an additional \$7 million to our costs, already the highest of any state; proposals concerning labor disputes and industrial relations, and the proposal for a graduated income tax which would tend to drive out investment capital needed for industrial expansion, which just passed its first test in the Legislature.

Industry's goals include industrial growth and expansion which would make Massachusetts a more prosperous state and provide new employment opportunities for its citizens. Future population estimates now indicate that there must be a net increase of at least 9,000 new industrial jobs every year for the next ten years. This also means that it will require additional private capital investment of at least \$720,000,000 over the next decade to provide these new jobs. Such a continuous rise in employment opportunities is necessary in order to meet this population increase and to keep our people continually employed.

An improved business climate through fair consideration of industry's competitive problems will surely enable Massachusetts to sell its assets and advantages as they should be sold. And industry would be more confident that its objectives of making Massachusetts a more prosperous state could be realized.

An improved business climate which will encourage the growth of Massachusetts' primary resource is the key to the prosperity of our Commonwealth and will enhance the real job security of our citizens.



NEW "MIRACLE" FIBER:

Centuries Old

WE eat it, wear it, even sleep on it yet few people are aware of all the oddities and contrasts surrounding the fabulous fiber: cotton.

New uses are being found for cotton all the time. Margarine is made from cottonseed oil. Cigarette paper and rayon are made from the fibers that stick to the seeds after the latter are separated from the bulk of the fibers. Modern roads, movie film, and a thousand other products require cotton in the manufacturing process. And for the future, chemists talk about a treatment for cotton that will make it wrinkle-proof . . . another to prevent if from soiling . . . a third to prevent it from wearing out!

But in the face of all the new promises and products, cotton's biggest use today—cloth for garments and household use—is the same as it has been put to for over 5,000 years.

Actually, the use of cotton stretches back beyond the dawn of recorded history. But it is known that the fiber was used in India as early as 3000 B.C. It was travelling Arab salesmen who, after visiting India, brought seeds of the plant to other parts of the world. They brought a word, too: our "cotton" derives from the Arabic word "Kutn," which means "a plant found in conquered lands."

History has no explanation of how cotton came to the Western Hemisphere, but by the time Columbus arrived, Indians of Peru were using it to make garments, carpets, even handkerchiefs and tapestries! Indeed, while much of the world was still sleeping on straw, the Indians had devised cotton nets for beds.

Some historians call cotton one of the causes of the Civil War. Eli Whitney's 1793 invention of the cotton gin (the invention came just a year after Whitney was graduated from Yale) greatly reduced the cost of processing cotton. But lowering this cost greatly increased the demand for the lower-priced cotton. More hands were needed to pick cotton, more to plant it, more to pull weeds. Giving up its plentiful labor supply, Southerners felt, might ruin the cotton business—drive prices up again. And this, suggest the history book writers, is what led the South to decide to fight, even though the odds seemed with the North.

But if cotton led the U.S. to a terrible war, there can be no doubt that it also contributed to our ability to win the peace after the outbreaks of the two world wars. Cotton was an ingredient of the smokeless powder our big guns fired. Cotton was the coolest fiber the Army had for warm-weather uniforms (new forms of the fiber are proving to be among the warmest). In tire cord, parachute harnesses, life raft linings and innumerable other products, cotton contributed that peculiar combination of properties which, old as history, is still not fully understood.

Office and Apprentices Take

Bowling Honors

Right: With the exception of the war years, a bowling banquet has been held annually since 1919. This year, on April 8, the banquet was at the Klondike Inn. Henry Crawford, League President, is pictured presenting trophies to the holders of the high individual averages. From the left they are Phil Rae, Len Skeary, and John Steele

BY HENRY CRAWFORD

THE Annual Shop Bowling League Banquet was held at the Klondike Inn, Farnumsville, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday evening, April 8, with sixtyfive bowlers and guests enjoying steak or turkey dinners.

The affair marked the end of a season in which competition was keen and in which the championship was not decided until the Office team split four points during the final week.

During the evening, awards were presented to the outstanding teams and individuals. Trophies presented to the high individual average winners were donated by John H. Cunningham.

The Office team finished in first place during the regular schedule, with the Apprentices, Repair Sales and Production finishing in second, third and fourth places respectively.

In the roll-offs the Apprentices defeated the Office and the Production Department defeated the Repair Sales team. Trophies as well as cash prizes were presented to these four teams.

Phil Rae again was the winner of the high individual average with 108.8, followed by Len Skeary with 105.3, and John Steele with 102.3. Each received a trophy and a cash prize.

The winner of the high team total was the Warehouse with 1625, ATF Erection was second with 1543, and ATF Machine was third with 1532. The high team string went to Master List with 558. The Freight Office was second with 538.

Roland Blondin was winner of the high individual three strings with 369, followed by Henry Cant with 358 and John Stanovitch with 357. Adam Davidson had 142 for the high single string with Norman Beauchamp second with 139 and Chet Jones third with 134.

The proceedings were spiced by the comments of John H. Cunningham, whose continued interest in the League is appreciated.



Below: General Superintendent John H. Cunningham, right, made the awards to the winning team, the Office. From the left the members of this team are Warren Campbell, Len Skeary, Bob Shaw, Ken Benner, Captain Angus Parker, Sr., and Varkis Asadoorian



Below: The Apprentices, second place team, are, from the left, John Steele, Norman Beauchamp, Captain Donald White, Archie Jacobs, and Donald Gauthier. The presentation was made by Director of Industrial Relations Hamilton Thornquist, right



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Fourth place was held down by the Re-pair Sales team: from the left, Captain Dick Cunningham, Henry Cant, Adam Davidson, John Cunningham, Arthur

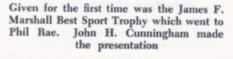
Broadhurst, and Sidney Frieswyck

In third place was the Production team: from the left, John Stanovitch, Dave Richardson, Mike Ezzo, Roland Dion, and Captain Jack Gilchrist





Andy Magill presents an appropriate trophy to Jack Gilchrist, outstanding "choker" of the Production team, whose skill caused his team to lose first place in the roll offs. "The choke is on me," said Jack, as he held a diagram which showed him how to use his award





After thirty years in office, Henry Crawford announced that he would retire as league president to assume the duties of league secretary. Ren Yeo, left, presented him with a gift from the league members as a token of their appreciation of his services



Firemen Guests at 52nd



At the conclusion of the turkey dinner, the firemen gathered at the west end of the Cafeteria to enjoy five acts of better-than-average professional entertainment

With the memory of the Community Gymnasium fire still vivid in their minds, the members of the three companies of the Whitinsville Fire Department attended the 52nd Annual Firemen's Banquet as guests of their Board of Engineers, in the Cafeteria, April 7.

At the conclusion of the full course turkey dinner, several engineers spoke briefly. Chief Philip B. Walker called the meeting to order. He congratulated the firemen for keeping the recent gymnasium fire confined to the central portion of the building, thus preventing the fire from spreading to the wings and to other structures. Sydney R. Mason, on behalf of the Whitin Community Association, commended the Whitinsville Fire Department for their skill and courage in handling the dangerous blaze which had reached an advanced stage when reported. He also expressed his gratitude to the Rockdale and Uxbridge Fire Departments who assisted in fighting the conflagration. President J. Hugh Bolton praised the department's *esprit de corps* and pointed out that, serious though the fire was, it could have been even worse had it extended to the Shop buildings. Arthur Broadhurst, speaking for the men in the companies, thanked the Board of Engineers for the invitation to attend the 52nd Annual Banquet. The firemen also voted unanimously to extend greetings to E. Kent Swift, Sr., who was unavoidably absent.

An entertainment of five vaudeville acts concluded the evening's program.

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Annual Banquet



Dancing illusionist Paula Dolan expressed surprise when the cake she attempted turned out to be a pair of rabbits



Fireman Harmon Miedema blurred the photograph as he rescued master of ceremonies Eddie Tullock in a unique reverse-hypnosis act



Fastest act on the program was the acrobatic and foot-juggling routine of the Barons



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PICKERS, WINDERS, AND SYNTHETIC SMALL PARTS

by Roger Brissette and Clarence Porter

Look, fellows, the reason that we have had no column in the last few issues is that no one has brought us any news. It just isn't possible to go around and ask each person. But there now are two of us collecting news for these departments. Remember, if you know of an item, just give a hint to Brissette or Porter. We'll take it from there. . . . On the first shift we welcome Clarence Porter, Alfred Gardner, Russell Chase, Vinson Beadles, Edward Ryan, and Paul Watts; on the second shift, Henry Boudreau, Rouville Lalanne, and Albert Berard. . . . Farewell to Jim Davis who left us to operate a gas station in his home town. You now will find him at the Texaco station across from the North Smithfield Fire Station. . . . Shirley, daughter of John and Mrs. Sulyma, has passed her entrance examination and will start her nursing career at St. Vincent's Hospital. . . . We must record that Waldo Forsythe's informal weather station has had its ups and downs this past winter. When the official temperature was twelve below, one of Waldo's two thermometers registered ten above; the other, ten below. Waldo's weather predictions resemble those of other weathermen. . . . Esten L. Hill, a retired employee, visited Department 446 recently. . . . Russell Chase has been catching his share of horn pout. . . .

At Orleans on the Cape, Waldo Forsythe, his wife Henrietta, and his daughter Rochelle caught twenty-five flatfish. These ladies bait their own hooks. . . . Mike Swiszcz went to the Cape for flatfish only to raise havoc with the sunfish population of a pond. Mike doesn't care what type he catches-he just likes to fish. . . Our departmental morale builder, Eddie Ryan, is consulting his lawyer to find out if his prize racing pigeons can be classified as dependents for income tax purposes. It costs him several dollars weekly for feed for the seventy-five pairs. . . . The North Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department asked Roger Brissette to dive for the body of a small boy drowned in a river near their station. While there Roger met Leo Turenne, a member of the fire company who sent his regards to his friends in these departments. . . . On their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, George and Mrs. Leland were the guests of their children at a banquet held April 8 at Speroni's in Medway. . . . William O'Brien is in the Whitinsville Hospital at present.

TIN SHOP, PAINT AND CREEL JOBS by Dorsey Devlin and

Pete Paddock

We inform our readers that, although the Paint Job has moved to 406, their news will continue to be found under the same column. Ross Rajotte is still our



Mitchell Nadolink, Department 425, explains his idea of knurling to size all 5/16" Unitrol shafts to General Superintendent John H. Cunningham. Submitted as suggestion #58–187, Mike's idea eliminated a grinding operation and brought him an award of \$105

Paint Job informant. . . . The Tin Shop, at this writing, is finally back to a normal work week after running on overtime since the middle of January. . . . Armand Brodeur and George Forand are the new men on the day shift and Rene Guilbert and Leo Proulx are second shift newcomers. . . . The Tin Shop Social Club had its annual spring banquet at Treasure Island in Webster on April 18. Dave Hodell, John Rumonoski, and Dorsey Devlin were the committee in charge of a smorgasbord supper. . . . Claude Bolduc is back with us after a long siege in the hospital resulting from a hiccoughing attack.

Eddie Horan and Bobby Campo are two hard-working members of the Fish and Game Club who are doing great work to make the club a huge success. Eddie is the president of the club. . . . Ken Greenwood had a tour of jury duty during the month of March. . . . Celia Normandin is back to work after a long illness.

Paint Job drippings—Harold Ingham has been seen shopping around for shrubbery to add beauty to his home. . . . Frank Gucfa has forgotten hunting and is concentrating on baseball. . . . George Braman has been spending a lot of time lately as chef for the Fish and Game Club (and doing a good job) . . . Phil Dion is doing house painting in his spare time. . . . Ross Rajotte and family were spectators at all the ice shows in Boston. . . . Al Lucier is back in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Al Lucier is back in St. Vincent's Hospital. . . Eddie Jussaume was injured in an auto accident in Fall River. . . Norman Baker has gone into gardening in a big way and has a roadside vegetable stand to prove it. . . Cora Barsamian, now that a successful bowling season is behind her, is raising gladioli for a hobby. . . . Rudy Roberg's new hobby is cabinet making. . . George Dumas, a born fisherman, is all smiles again with the fishing season in full swing. . . Frank Rydak is ready to start mushroom harvesting as soon as the weather permits. . . Henry Pandolfi and Henry Laviemodierre

rose at 4:00 a.m. on the opening day of fishing full of enthusiasm. Arriving at their destination, Laviemodierre found that he had left his fishing gear at home and had to spend the rest of the day as a spectator.

SPINNING, CARD ERECTING, AND POLISHING

by Francis Horan

At this writing, the men in our departments are concerned about many things: vacation plans, shortages at work, and money for gowns for proms and their children's summer wear. At home, the mothers are keeping their fingers crossed as to what they will do with the children during their free time of summer vacation. Now almost everyone will appreciate what the Gym meant to the community—it was a place where their children, under supervision, learned swimming and other skills. ... Following the fire which destroyed a large part of the Gym, one of the many



comments struck me as summing up the sentiment of the majority. "It is like losing our right arms." I hope, and I know hundreds feel as I do, that everyone in the community will get behind the drive to rebuild the Whitin Memorial Gymnasium.

Henry Ebbeling, a former inspector of Wool Frames who now lives in Michigan, was in to say hello to us. He came all the way from Michigan to attend the Senior Employees' Banquet. . . . We enjoy seeing Bill Rutana and Ben Scott having so much in common concerning the Piedmont. . . . I watched the opening of the fishing season at Riley's Pond. For a man who had worked so hard for that gala occasion, Herb Henderson appeared gloomy. His catch was one, and I mean one, small kiver. . . . In anticipation of vacation, John Fleszar has the road to New Jersey marked in red on his road map. We hope he remembers that the state police will be out early. . . . In fact, we hope everyone remembers that it is much easier to slow down than it is to greet the judge for that quick fine. By the time this is read, Harold Cornell will have been installed as commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We know he will be an able and conscientious leader. . . . For those who have missed him at his former work station, Alfred Leblanc is now working in 433 light machining at the lower end of the Erecting Floor. . . Bill Hall, Spinning Erection, has been extra busy lately. Bill is on the committee for the twenty-fifth reunion of his Northbridge High class. . . Now that spring is here, we will see our old friend, Jake Haringa, formerly of Department 433, in the gardens. . . . April celebrants of wedding anniversaries were Jake Haringa (retired), Albert Bowyer (retired), Arthur Pellerin, William Demague, and Germain Desrosiers. May wedding anniversaries came for George Robbins and Leopaul Gamelin. . . . April birthdays were those of John Fleszar, Robert Roy, Herman Haringa, Ben Scott, and Alfred Nolet.

. . . May birthdays were those of Rapisardi Bosco, Leo Bellville, Bill Collins, Ed Marshall and Albert Bowyer (retired).

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

by Marcel Turgeon

Personality: Clarence Bisson was born September 24, 1925, in Linwood. After graduating from Uxbridge High School in 1942, he worked for Stanley Woolen Mills and for Hayward-Schuster before entering the Navy in 1943. Clarence did his basic training at Sampson, New York, before studying at hospital corps school in Portsmouth, Virginia, and medical service school at Camp Pendleton, California. He was stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, and later was assigned to the Sixth Marine Division.

With the Marines he participated in the invasion of Okinawa, then spent four months on Guam before going to Tsingtao, China. His division accepted the formal surrender of Japan. After six months in

For twelve years Armand G. Turcotte, of Albee Road, Uxbridge, has been wearing safety shoes without having anything heavy drop on his toes. His observance of this safety rule paid off recently when a 350-pound twister side rail fell several feet from a stores truck, the sharp edge striking his left foot. Armand would have lost at least two toes had he not been wearing the

proper footgear



China, he was sent back to the States and was discharged in Boston in May, 1946, with the rank of pharmacist's mate 2nd class. Five years after joining the Traffic Department at Whitin, he was recalled to active duty. He was stationed in Chelsea and with the Second Marine Division. He returned to inactive status in December, 1952. Later he spent three years as a technical sergeant in the Air Force Reserve. He attended the Ward Air Line Training School.

He is now a travel agent at Whitin. He enjoys bowling, golf, and rooting for the Red Sox. Rab is active in the WMW bowling league and manages an Uxbridge team in Little League. He and Janet Britten of Whitinsville were married September 11, 1948. They and their children, Ellen and Richard, live on Blackstone Street, Uxbridge.

Congratulations to Raymond Gourd upon receiving his 20-year pin and to Owen Ward on receiving his 15-year pin. Anniversaries this month are those of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libby, Mr. and Mrs. John Wasiuk, Mr. and Mrs. James Forsythe, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baszner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gagnon. Birthday greetings to Emile Merchant, Katherine Kearnan, Nancy Britten, and Theresa Benjamin. We are glad to see John F. Wasiuk

back in the office. . . . Now hospitalized are Mary Hayward, who had an attack of appendicitis, and Albert Thibault, who is under observation. . . Mike Stanick had a strange experience recently. Early one morning he heard a strange noise that shook his house. He went outside at 5:30 a.m. to find the cause. A woodpecker pecking on his TV antenna was causing the whole house to vibrate.

GEAR JOB

by Stan Frodyma

Fred Erickson, our personality of the month, was born in Athol on February 16, 1906. He attended school in Grafton and, after graduation, started work. He came to Whitin in 1940 as a gearcutter specializing in sprockets. During World War II he entered the Armed Forces as an aircraft mechanic. Following military training, he served in southern Europe with the rank of technical sergeant. He was discharged in 1945. On December 20, 1947, Freddy married the former Dorothy Gilberton in Grafton. They and their pet cocker spaniel now live in West Upton. Fred's hobbies are photography and fishing.

Persley Chesley, who underwent a successful operation at The Memorial Hospital, received a box of fine cigars from his co-workers. . . It is nice to see again the shining face of Bernice Kroll, who has returned to us. . . Roger Lachance has replaced Charlie McKeating at Storesroom #15. Charlie was transferred to Department 406. . . George Cantara is taking a correspondence course from the Washington School of Art, New York. . . . Roger Lague is still insisting that it was one of the sardines which bit his palm as he was opening the can.

Birthday greetings to Madeline Dean, James Menard, Roger Lague, and Roland Roy. . . Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jongsma, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Taschereau, and to Mr. and Mrs. George Guertin. . . . Archie Gigarjian has received a waterproof Timex watch as a birthday gift from his fiancée Dot. The department is waiting for his report on the water test. . . . Since we wrote the personality, Fred Erickson has moved from West Upton to Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville. . . . In the Shop Bowling League Mike "Five Pins" Ezzo and Roland "Gutter Ball" Dion were again seen hanging their heads. It is said in our department that they cannot control a bowling ball under the watchful eye of Angus Parker.

LINWOOD DIVISION

by Louise Sohigian

We wish Rita Picard a speedy recovery and we hope that she soon will be with us



George Durant, Department 427 personality, is shown with Mrs. Isabelle Durant

again. . . . Congratulations to Edyth Casey who received her 25-year pin from President J. Hugh Bolton. . . . Harry Malkasian has a new black-and-white 1959 Oldsmobile convertible. . . Dimitry Pristawa has bought a new Dodge. After his long absence, it is good to see Wilbur Baird back at Department 450. . . . Al Blizard has done a remarkably fine job of landscaping his place. . . . On two separate tries, Walter Guertin damaged his car while trying to put it in his garage. . . . Our office clerk, Widgie Esposito, has cause to be proud. Her brother Alphonse Larochelle was ordained a priest in Fall River on April 25. He served his first mass in St. Patrick's Church on April 26. Following the mass, a reception was held for him. . . Many happy returns on the birthdays of Lillian Scott, Widgie Esposito, Annie Malkasian, and Florence Gamelin.

ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Bill Markarian

Personality: George Durant isn't a noisy person, but his lathes are busy all the time. George was born in Bristol, R. I., on February 28, 1904. As his father was a contract carpenter, the family frequently moved. After George finished school, he began work in a rubber factory but soon joined his father as a helper. George worked later in textile mills in Bridgeport, Fitchburg, and Farnumsville. He and his wife Isabelle now live in Farnumsville. He has worked for Whitin for nineteen years. His hobby is home repairs.

We send a note of cheer and wishes for her speedy recovery to our inspector, Florence Heywood, who has been hospitalized. . . . One of our boys made good last month. On April 8 George Hurteau graduated from the Army and Navy Union Police Academy at Plainville, Mass., where he studied police methods and court procedures. He currently is the deputy chief of the Bellingham Auxiliary Police. . . . Albert Boileau of Storesroom #11 has returned to work after undergoing surgery on his elbow.

METAL PATTERNS

by Albert Cencak

Our personality of the month is Donald Henry, apprentice pattern maker, who was born and educated in Uxbridge. He now lives on Main Street, Linwood, with his wife, the former Thelma Greene, also of Uxbridge. They have a daughter, Deborah, who is four months old. Don is a veteran of the Korean War. His hobbies are fishing and coin collecting.

I enjoyed working in the Core Room for two months but it is nice to be back on my regular job. . . . Bart Shugrue bought a 1950 car for \$70, but he didn't say whether there was a motor in it or not. . . Leon Garabedian, our expert gardener, is having his wife doing the planting this year. . . . Roger Gosselin has joined the brush-cut brigade. . . Ed Scott has his own (dog house) bachelor's den in the basement of his home. . Rollie Wilson's new son is a junior Atlas, When he was only twelve days old he was rolling over and doing push ups. . Bill Farland is a grandfather again. This time his son William's wife had twin boys. They thought of naming them Peter and Paul. . . . Bart Shugrue's son Peter is a hair stylist in one of our beauty shops in town. . . Dick Zibell, Bart Shugrue and Bob Dion are doing advanced work in patterns and also in school. Their objectto get ahead. . . . When your outgo exceeds your income, it isn't long before your upkeep becomes your downfall.



Alphonse Larochelle, brother of Widgie Esposito of Department 451, was ordained a priest in Fall River on April 25. He served his first mass in St. Patrick's Church the following day



Apprentice Donald Henry is the Metal Pattern personality of the month

Well, fishing season is here again, and with it the fish stories. I don't know if all fishermen are liars, or if just liars fish. As usual, the boys that did the best were the Jedryznski brothers. They caught some fine pickerel, bass, trout, and perch. Paul Mintoft fell in Riley's Pond and pulled another buddy in with him. I went deep sea fishing and caught a skunk. . . Henry Forget goes fishing not for his own pleasure, but to please his kids. . Rollie Wilson and Paul Mintoft are looking for local backing for the "Rinky Dinks" golf team during the tournaments. Backers are not allowed to borrow their clubs on week ends.

FLYER JOB AND INSPECTION OFFICE

by Bernard Roddy and Lorna Abramek

With the coming of spring, the men in the departments have renewed their interests in warm-weather activities. Kell Sweenie and Lucien Mercure are thinking of fishing; Archie Ledue of his new lawn; Bernard Roddy and George Vear of cold frames and gardening; and Dowell Corron of his prize glads. . . . Joel Racicot and Al Gabreau are ready to work on their cars. . . Henry Harper is beginning to fix up his tables and fireplaces at Spring Lake. . . . Alfred Goulet is dusting off his tennis racket and George Plitouke is anxious to go swimming. Pete Kurek and Joe Berkowicz are talking baseball. We believe Eva Labrecque is thinking about her new hat.

We are also happy to see business beginning to pick up and that we have added a few new men to this department: Wilfred Ricard came to us from Department 422, Alphonse Boisvert from the Ring Job, Raymond Legassey from the Linwood Mill, and Eva Labrecque had been on lay-off. . . . Alfred Goulet and George Vear attended the Boy Scout breakfast held at the Progressive Club in North Uxbridge, March 1. . . . The Inspection Office welcomes Mrs. Rita Anniballi from Uxbridge, who is replacing Mrs. Olive Pendleton, who left us to go to Raytheon Laboratories at Wayland, Mass. Best wishes to both.

DUPLICATOR ERECTION

by Emil Wikiera

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Menard observed their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 28. . . Mr. and Mrs. Armand Grenier recently celebrated their fourteenth wedding anniversary.

ATF PRESS ASSEMBLY

by Edward Haczynski

Congratulations to Ken Reid on his appointment as acting assistant foreman. . . . Welcome back to Herbert Defosse who was out with pneumonia, and Paul Poulin, Francis Basinet, Gordon Baker who have been transferred back to us.

Bob Hamblin started the boating season a little early. He is the proud owner of a 14-foot outboard. . . . Walter Doble and Pete Andonian have recently purchased homes in this community: Walter, a twofamily house; Pete, a cottage. . . . Steak and turkey dinners were enjoyed by the bowling teams of ATF and ATF erection at the Klondike. Pat DiGregorio, Red DeYoung, Rolly Blondin, Chet Flinton and Arthur Baillargeon attended. . Cora Barsamian, our painter, hit 472 in the Telegram Gazette annual bowling contest and was entitled to compete in Worcester for the finals. . . Welcome to Louie Wesson, formerly of Harrington and Richardson, to the inspection section of 428

Birthdays celebrated in April were those of Edward Jones, and Ed Haczynski; in May, that of William Blanchette. . . . Wedding anniversaries: April, William Blanchette and William Griffiths; May, Edward Jones and Robert Hamblin. . . . Art Baillargeon may be proud of his new Chevy, Bob Brown proud of his new Ford, but no one is prouder than Red Lockwood is of his yellow Studebaker station wagon.

CUTTING-OFF JOB

by Irene Mombourquette

Newcomers here at 410 are Thelma Desmars, Claire Legassey, Rollin D. Bennett, Jr., William Marc Patterson, Raymond Gould, and Charles Atteridge, Jr. We welcome them and hope they'll like it here. . . Mrs. Alfred Briggs, who has asthma, has been a patient in the Whitinsville Hospital since March. Harold Kelliher was hospitalized during March and April. After surgery and four weeks stay in the hospital, he is now at home recuperating. . . Mrs. Ernest Lemire



The Northbridge Rams ended their basketball season with a record of thirteen games won and nine games lost. Shown, from the left, are: first row—Sam Lussier, Don Lemelin, Co-Captain James Leonard, Co-Captain Ken Arakelian, Howard Vandersea, and John Swart; second row—Dick Feen, Allan Lightbown, Phil Vandersea, and Joe Jackman; third row—Coach Vic Cervizzi, Manager Barry Smith, Manager Craig Wallace, and Assistant Coach John Doldoorian

was a patient in the St. Vincent Hospital, in Worcester in April. We wish all a speedy recovery. . . . William Pouliot has been transferred to Department 426. . . . Jerry Lemire's daughter, Jacqueline, formerly of Department 462, is now employed by the U. S. Navy as a civilian worker in Washington, D. C. We wish her the best in her new enterprise. . . . Best wishes to Roger Goulet also. Roger has left us to become a guard. . . The golfing season opened officially here on April 28. They reported later, "It was mighty cold." . . Lorenzo "Soi" Boulanger is now sporting a new red and white Holiday 88 Oldsmobile.

SANITATION AND SERVICE

by Stanley W. Krula

Let's give it another try. It has been sometime since Department 660 has been represented by a column in the SPINDLE. but this reporter, at least, finds it difficult to manufacture news. So, what say? Give me the leads, and I'll do the rest. . . Of course, it is always said that the sanitation department is "picking up," but this time I'm happy to say, our work has picked up enough so that many old faces are in evidence again. Some of our recent recalls are Albert Cournoyer, Omer DiLamarche, John Cabral, and Leo Bergeron. . New men and women who have joined us are Bernard Conlee from 673, Hector Chevrette from 407, Mrs. Annie DeJong and Mrs. Irene Metevier. To new and old alike we say welcome. . . . For sometime our motto here in 660 has been, "We'll do the best we can with the tools we have." I'm pleased to announce we have added another. It is, "We look at problems as unsolved opportunities." So if you have sanitation problems and would like our help, call 7121 anytime between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 12 p.m. On the sick list at the present time are Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Omer Bourget,

and Edmond Ballou. We wish them all a speedy recovery. . . That's it for this issue, but I feel sure that with everyone's cooperation, we, with our large department, can compete with any for having an interesting and informative column.

GRINDER JOB

by Hector Chase

As far as the SPINDLE news is concerned, Departments 424 and 426 have been among the missing for several months. The two are now merged into Department 426 under William Todd as foreman and Robert Hopkins as assistant foreman. We plan to have a column in the SPINDLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gauvin of Main Street, Linwood, celebrated their thirtyeighth wedding anniversary on April 19. They have a daughter and five grandchildren. . . . Stanley and Mrs. Rodominick of 24 Greenlawn Avenue, Fisherville, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on April 23. They have two sons, ages five and three. . . . It was good to see Ernest Barlow who came in for a visit. He has been out because of illness since last August. . . . On his sixty-first birthday on April 18, Clinton Tracy was given a party on the campus of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. . . . A speedy recovery to Mrs. Michael Biano who is back home after several trips to the hospital. . . News has leaked in boating circles that Joseph Waterman, Elsie Baxendale, and Arthur Litke launched their boats on May 1. . . On April 6, Lucien Blouin completed his fifty-third year at Whitin. On May 31, he and Mrs. Blouin observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Their four sons have made outstanding records in the armed forces: Captain Francis Blouin, USN; Captain Clarence Blouin, USN; Captain Raymond Blouin, USCG; and Lt. jg Robert Blouin, USN.



Raymond H. Barlow, Inspection Department, retired on April 30. Ray, who lives at 2 North Main Street, Whitinsville, has worked here since May, 1915

One daughter, Doris Blouin, is employed here and Rachael, another daughter, is married and lives at Prentice Corner. We wish the Blouins many more years of continued happiness and good health.

OFFSET SMALL PARTS AND SUB-ASSEMBLIES

by Bill Godbout

Roger Pouliot has joined the Army and is now spending six months on active duty. . . . The members of the department extend their deepest sympathy to Leo Lucier, whose Detroit Tigers have a fine record of one win and twelve losses. . . May birthdays were celebrated by E. Ciccone, B. Houghton, and L. Johannis.

RING JOB

by Robert E. Balcome

We welcome back to the Ring Job Cecile Berry and Alphonse Boisvert. We also welcome Eva Such who is new to the Ring Job. We hope they will like it here. Plenty of fresh air and sunshine. . . "What's the matter? No Ring Job News?" That's what I was greeted with when the last issue of the SPINDLE was issued. Read Pages 13 and 23. . . Joe Witek caught his quota of fish at Riley's Pond opener in fifteen minutes. . . . Bud Frieswyk got second prize with a 191/2" brown trout weighing 3¾ pounds. His prize was a Shakespeare salt water reel. Bud also came in with a second prize for bowling with the Repair Department team, a two-pen desk set-congratulations twice. . . . Lake Chargoggagogg etc. will have to be restocked. Both Joe and Bud have joined the Webster Fish and Game Club. . . A hydrant and Don Menard's new



car connected with snow and ice during an inclement day. No damage to hydrant. . Everett Gaspar has been putting miles on his car. A trip to Westfield, New Jersey, and a few weeks later one to Elmira. New York, to see his daughter. . . Sickness has hit several of our number and we hope all are well now. Jim Gusney, we are told, is in the hospital at this writing. Birthday greetings to all who have birthdays in May and June including Albert Roy, Peter Kooistra, and R. E. Balcome. . . . It is time to wish you all a pleasant vacation and, wherever you are, get some pictures and let us print them. The next news deadline is July 1. When you read this, there will be approximately 180 shopping days to Christmas.

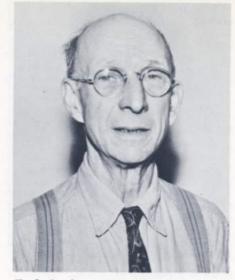
TOP ROLL

by George H. Bond

Since our last SPINDLE writing, many new faces have appeared in our department. Among them are those of Mabelle Coleman, Eleanor Kurzu, Anita Bilodeau. Edith Fior, Anniebella Lemay and Ellen Ledue to our assembly section. Joseph Brunette, Bill LaForce, Gordon Moore, William Guertin, Gordon Walker, Robert Blanchard and George Hetherington have been added to our machinery section. . . . Receiving honors this month in the form of a 25-year service pin from President J. Hugh Bolton was Harold McCulloch. To celebrate this event, Mac purchased some new pants made of material guaranteed to be waterproof, grease proof, moth proof, and female proof. Everyone is keeping close records to see how long these wonderful trousers last. . . . Those celebrating their becoming a year older in the next two months are Pete Baker and John Creighton. Since Pete is one of the oldest working members who attended the senior



Robert Kostka, a senior at Northbridge High School and the son of Mary Kostka, inspector on the Milling Job, won the \$1,200 freshman scholarship for "Yankee ingenuity" at the Regional Science Fair. Bob built his project, a snowblower, out of an oil drum and scrap material. The Science Fair, held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs



Fred Crockett, Department 454, retired on March 31 after working here since July 29, 1933. Fred plans to spend his new leisure on his farm on West Street, East Douglas

employees' banquet, we will let him blow out the birthday candles. . . . Our best wishes go to Flora Grenon who is resting comfortably in Norwood Hospital after breaking her leg in an automobile accident. We miss her cheerful smile and humor. . . Best wishes go to Bill Greenwood who is resting at home after a recent illness.

MILLING JOB

by Robert L. Vachon

Night shift: Among recent celebrants of wedding anniversaries are Mr. and Mrs. Armand Auger, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Biron, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lefreniere, Mr. and Mrs. Emile Laquerre, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Methot, Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Violette, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Vandersea, and Mr. and Mrs. Aime Rainville. . . . Happy birthdays to Edward Fontaine, Francis Laflamme, Arthur Lapointe, George Moreau, Donald Hagstrom, and Lloyd Darling. . . . We welcome to the night shift Gedion Lefebvre, Armand Courteau, Carey Horne, and Maurice Thienpont.

. . . It is a pleasure that we have recalled Wilfred Biron, Donald Hagstrom, Frank Rutana, Romeo Suprenant, Charles VandenAkker, Joseph Cadrin, John Garrity, and night shift inspector Edward Gloria. . . The boys on the softball team will miss Edward Boutiette who has been transferred from the day shift to us as set-up man in the milling section. . . We are pleased to hear that Mizzy Misakian is now recuperating from the injuries he received in an automobile accident.

Both Adrien Violette and Leo Lemelin have returned to work following illnesses. . . . A party was held at the Club Embassy in honor of Edward Fontaine who has retired after working here for thirteen years. Ed received a check from his friends. He plans to visit his son in Florida.

TOOL JOB

by Bob Bessey

Bob Bessey is now the SPINDLE reporter on the Tool Job. He would appreciate the cooperation of everyone in the collection of news items. . . . After a long siege of illness, Bill O'Connell is on the mend. . . . We welcome the return of Bob Mowry, Joe Brooks, and Slim St. Pierre. . Greetings to newcomers Bill Baird, Dick Henry, and Winford Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cowburn enjoyed five weeks of Florida sunshine. . After Ham Walker went to all the trouble of training his dog to follow him to work and wait for him at his bench, the dog died of distemper! . . . The new men on the job are Al DeJordy, Pete Kravatz, E. Mozzoni, J. Baxter, P. Sztukowski, Al Trajanowski, and H. Rider. . . . In February, one of Ray Kempton's ewes gave birth to twin lambs. . . . Apparently working overtime, Bob Couture's springer spaniel had a litter of eight pups in March. . . . Fred Crockett, turret lathe hand. retired on April 1 after twenty years at Whitin.

INSIDE MAINTENANCE

by Barrett Judson

I am now the SPINDLE reporter for the inside maintenance departments. Let's cooperate and try to have an interesting column. . . . Our first personality of the month is Ken "Slim" Stairs of Department 669. Slim resides at 923 Providence Road, Whitinsville, with his wife Rose. They have one son Robert, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. Slim has worked in Department 669 for thirty-five years and takes great pride in his work. The signs you see throughout the plant were lettered and painted by Slim. A loyal Red Sox fan, he also enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, and playing cribbage. Slim will never forget the time he was driving the Big Four hunting to Hebron, N. H., and got lost. Pete Prymak, with the aid of a compass, got them there.

We all wish Aileen Willis the very best of luck in her new role as a mother. . Also we wish the best to James Vear, Rene Guertin, Arthur Johnson of Department 662 and Jack Evers of Department 663 on their new jobs. The welcome mat goes out to Gertrude Crawford, Anne Hartley, and Frank Searles. Glad to have them with us. . . . We all hope to see Nick DeVries of 661 back with us soon. Charles Commons was our only lucky fisherman on opening day. He got his limit. . . John Jessen won a 12-foot fiberglas boat at Jesse White's. George DeBoer said John could use his 71/2 H.P. motor, provided John puts oil in the gear box. . Birthday greetings to Bill Kramer and Charlie Commons. . . . Success to Louis Bonadei of Department 667, as he takes his exams for his Master's Plumbing License. . . . We had big time wrestling



Mystery photo-On the left is Cerritt Ebbeling, Foreman of the Core Room. On the right are three Whitin employees shown as they looked in Sorel, Canada, in 1919

in town. Burnham Cook said he had to take his son Richard, but Cookie couldn't get there fast enough himself. . . . Ed Harvey of 668 had to get rid of his mighty Nash car for a truck just to carry the big fish home from Riley's Pond. . . . Have you noticed Bill Scott of 664 with his new golfing hat?

BOX JOB

by Alice Travaille

Ralph Nolet attended the bowling banquet held at the Klondike Inn on April 8. It's a good thing he enjoyed the meal because shortly afterwards he had to go on a bland diet. After losing nineteen pounds in one month, he wonders what he'll look like after the necessary two months more of diet. . . . All the per-sons working on the "Face Game" puzzles in the newspaper began to get discouraged at about puzzle number 87 and by puzzle number 94 were in a state of absolute despair. Chillo is sorry he doesn't have at least one degree from some university because that's the kind of training needed now. . . On April 3, Henry Such was presented his twenty-five year pin by President J. Hugh Bolton. We hope he enjoys many more years here. . . June anniversary greetings go to Paul Roy and Benny Oles, and a birthday greeting for July goes to Henry Such. . . . We were sorry to hear that Paul Grenon's sister was injured in an auto accident on April 26 in Norwood. At this writing she is convalescing at Norwood Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

GENERAL MACHINING

by Arthur Frueh

Spring is in the air, and there is talk in the department of sports. Fishing, boating, skin diving, and baseball are the main topics. . . . Art Mikulski, our partsin-process man, will probably have his 21-foot cabin cruiser in the water at Pawtuxet Yacht Club in Providence by the time you read this. Art's boat sleeps three and took him three years to build.

. . . Art Roireau, our chief inspector, bought five new tires for his car. Before he had a chance to mount them, he had two flat tires in succession. . . . Speak of coincidences! Bob Bruyere, our floor inspector, broke the fan belt on his car and had Pete Babowitch pick one up at noontime. That night, while going home from work, Pete had one break on his car. . . . Ed Krajewski helped Art Roireau fix one of the flats previously mentioned and then Ed's car had one going home.

Eddie bought a rubber suit for skin diving from Bob Bruyere. From indications, it looks as if Ed is planning to take a look at the sunken Andrea Doria. With Ed, there are now three skin divers on this department. With Bob Bruyere and yours truly, there should be no shortage of fish. . . . Henry Nelson of the drill section will probably have his boat in by the time you read this. Henry has mentioned that his boat will be available for skin divers on the job.

Poison Phone Boston Beacon 2-2120

In case of emergency, the phone number above is a good one to have at hand. It is the number of the "poison phone" in the Childrens' Medical Center where, twentyfour hours a day, an attendant is stationed to furnish information on antidotes for poison. It is a toll call.

Why not post the number near your telephone at home?

STEEL FABRICATION

by Alfred H. Nichols

We are constantly learning new and interesting things about the people who work in this department. For example, in his spare time George Vacher does woodworking. Ronald Bibeault is a professional painter and paper hanger. William Ryan is a driver-salesman on an oil truck. John Kortecamp presides nightly as a clerk in a drug store. Paul Grenier, Sr., operates his own welding business. . . Herman R. Hathaway cultivates his lands for a profit. . . . Andrew Sandborn operates the Manchaug picnic grove. Edward Vadenais is a parking lot attendant.

Henry Deslauriers is an emergency call fireman. Reno H. Pigalargi owns a poultry farm. Herman Woeller is a landscape gardener. Rene F. Rock, Sr., is an ardent surf fisherman. John Steele, Jr., is a build-ing contractor. Armand Beauchemin repairs radios and television sets. Maurice P. Valois operates an office-cleaning and janitorial concern. Henry Melanson is a fly-fishing expert. Napoleon Racine is a TV wrestling fan. Gene Closson paints oil portraits. Clarence Scanlon is a golfer. Normand DeConing trains dogs. Ovila St. Germain is an auto mechanic. Gus Vanhouwe is a bricklayer. Francis Finn has one of the finest voices in the area. Sam Allen is the caretaker of an apartment house. Did you know those things?





A farewell dinner for Henry R. Bailey was held at the Whitinsville Golf Club on March 12. Mr. Bailey, who had announced his resignation as manager of the New Products Sales Department, received an attaché case from his associates. The presentation was made by Eugene M. Kennedy. Shown extending best wishes to Henry are Eugene Kennedy and George McRoberts, toastmaster Louis Geer, Jr., former stock attendant in Storesroom #26, is now attending the R. I. State Police Academy. Upon graduation, he will be appointed a R. I. state trooper. . . Birthday greetings to John Barlenski, Herman Hathaway, Henry Melanson, thirty-nine year old Gene Closson, Alice R. Warren, Henry Deslauriers, and Paul Grenier. . . Alice R. Warren, stock records clerk in Storesroom #26, appears as if she were twenty-five. She tells us that her son George is graduating this spring from Worcester Boys' Trade and that in August her son Jimmie will be discharged from the Navy.

FOUNDRY

by Gordon Blizard

As you will note by the obituary and birth columns, deaths have brought sadness to the families of two Foundry employees and births have brought joy to the families of two Foundry employees. . . . At the annual banquet for senior mployees, Archie Boghosian received a gold watch for fifty years of continuous service at Whitin. . . . Samuel Bracey has received his 10-year service pin. . . . James Dickerson, Robert Strickland, Thomas Pompey, and John Zabka have been transferred to us from Department 405. . . . Norman Tessier, who brings his wife flowers each Friday as a rule, forgot to do so recently. It is unlikely that he will forget again. . . . Early this spring Earle Robbins, Foundry Carpenter Shop, went fishing down at the Cape. The man who made the big haul was the fellow who pulled Earle out of the water. Earle caught no fish but he did catch cold. . . . After twenty-seven years of continuous service here, Pasha Germanian retired on May 1. His many friends in the Foundry wish him the best of good fortune.

RESEARCH DIVISION

by Aram Sisoian

The machine shop now has a full time crib attendant. The new face seen around the Research Division is Norman Gabrielson. We all wish Norman the very best in his new job. . . . We say goodbye to Loretta Riddell who was a fill-in for Elaine Dupre. . . Dr. Szaloki and Ronald Blakely have returned to the Division after lengthy illnesses. We wish them both better health in the future. . . . To Mr. Grishan and Mr. Helland, who are both in the hospital, we wish them very speedy returns. . . A few days pre-ceding her marriage, E. K. Swift, Jr., presented an electric mixer from the Division to Elaine Dupre. We are all sure that Elaine will put this gift to good use. . . Birthdays being observed in the month of May were those of Ray Mooradian, and Herb Cutler. The Ike Peloquins are observing their wedding anniversary. To all we wish the very best. . . Joe Kostka, Carl Brandt, and John Nydam



The advancement of Harry F. Drinkwater to manager of the New Products Sales Department was announced by President J. Hugh Bolton on March 13. Harry, a veteran of World War II, has been with Whitin since 1933

are celebrating June birthdays. . . . Anniversaries being acknowledged in June are by the Chris Walshs, Peter Strangs, and the Kenneth Stanleys. To all the above we wish the best of birthdays and anniversaries. . . A humble apology to Albert Rousselle for omitting his birthday in March.

REPAIR SALES

by Virginia Lindblom

The Knitting Club met Tuesday, April 14 at Marion Merchant's home and held their last meeting of the season. A shower was held at this meeting for Peg Thompson who will become the bride of Chris Noel on June 27. . . . A party was held at Aunt Mary's on Friday noontime, April 24 in honor of Alice (Der Torosian) Sagherian who left that day to take up domestic duties. . . . Birthday greetings for April to Barbara Buxton, Marion Taft, Ray Adams, and Betty Mombourquette and for May to Bill Baird, Tootie Devlin, and Joyce Rondeau. . . . Those celebrating their anniversaries in April are Marguerite Tatro and Norma Baker. . . . Those celebrating their anniversaries in May are Ann Wiersma, Orrin Austin, and Cecil Small.

MAIN OFFICE

by James Burke

On Wednesday, April 22, twenty-nine members of the Main Office staff entertained Norman MacIntyre, who has been transferred to the Controller's Office, at a luncheon at Aunt Mary's restaurant. Jim Burke, acting as spokesman for the group, presented Mac with a gift, after which a song fest was enjoyed by all.

WAGE STANDARDS

by Muriel Garcelon

Our personality of the month is Ben Musket who has been with Wage Standards since 1952 when he came here from H & B American Machine Company. Ben was born in Providence on September 7, 1929, and has lived most of his life in Pawtucket, R. I. After graduating from Pawtucket East High School in 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served three years, mostly in Florida and the Carribbean area, as an aviation electronics technician. Ben has attended R. I. State University (evening division) and Worcester Junior College (evening division) for a total of four years while studying industrial engineering. In December, 1958, he bought a new home in Lincoln, R. I. He lives there with his wife, Dorothy, and their year-old son, David. Ben sadly reports that do-it-yourself projects around his new home must necessarily take precedence over his main sport interest of golfing for this year. His pet peeve is the Massachusetts non-resident income tax.

The girls in the department took Jean (Cahill) SanSouci to dinner at the Lafavette House in honor of her marriage to Dick. First we stopped off at their apartment and presented her with a stepstool for the kitchen. Of course, we had to inspect the apartment and wish to report that Dick and Jean have a lovely place. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner (throwing the thought of calories to the winds), and afterwards spent sometime browsing around in the gift shop. P.S. We discovered that Dick is a very good dishwasher, too. . . . On the sick list during the past two months have been: Joe Sampson, Solomon Shuman, Evelyn Hobbs, Leonard Skerry, Muriel Garcelon, William Andrews, Jean SanSouci, Bob Tancrell, Marilyn Blair, Lee Higgins, Walter Lanagan and Beverly Conary. The old bug seems to have been busy with folks. Howard Sears and Philip Kozak have both been in the hospital for operations. Howard is back with us again and we hope that Phil will soon be back in the fold. . . . A change has been made in our office personnel-Sandy Bishop has left us to take up her duties as secretary to Fred Highman of the Duplicator Office, and we welcome newcomers Ralph Helstrom of East Douglas to our Time Study men and Jennie Briggs of Manchaug to our typist group. We all wish Sandy the best of everything in her new job. She's a grand girl. . . . We wish to report that Donald "Daddy-O" Amiro is still full of enthusiasm about his new Hillman-Minx. In fact, he must have convinced Evelyn Hobbs and her hubby, because they also have purchased one since the last issue.



The promotion of Norman F. MacIntyre, formerly of the Purchasing Department, to the position of Internal Auditor in the Accounting Department was announced on April 14

. . . Birthdays for the next two months are those of Donald Frieswyk, Marilyn Blair, Chester Inman, Gordon Rattray, Al Cousins, M. Ostak, G. Pearce, and Harold Thayer.

PRODUCTION

by Marge Newton and Tad Wallace

The men from the material requirements and standard stock divisions had one of their many steak dinners at Harvey Deslauriers' camp recently. Hector Chausse's culinary ability was the high-light of the affair. He proved that he really knows how to charcoal-broil steaks. The entertainment was provided by Ray Kucharski who staged his version of "This Is Your Life" with Red Adams as his subject. We are told that this was a remarkable act. Red was presented with various gifts and was much pleased with the many tributes paid to him. . . . We roll out the welcome mat for Harvey Belmont, a new expediter; for Bart March, a new planner; and for Sandra Rogers, a clerk in the open order files. Nice to have League is again in full swing. Eight teams are in action every Thursday night at the Thompson Raceway Club. It is much too early for any predictions, but it looks like an even race all the way. The teams and standing will be printed in the next issue. Norm Jussaume is league president; Bill Kearnan is secretary; and Tad Wallace is treasurer. If you have a Thursday night off and want to see the "hackers" in action, take a ride to Thompson. You'll see every type of golf you can imagine.

Production notes: We are happy to see Eddie Allard at his desk again after being out sick so long. . . . Central planner Sid Smith recently purchased a Morris Minor station wagon. This is a very reliable and efficient car and Sid reports that he is pleased with its performance. The car provides him all the pleasures of motoring. . . Blanche Fullerton heads a committee that is planning graduation night activities for the graduates of Douglas Memorial High School. We know how hard Blanche works on a project, and we hope that her efforts this year will be richly rewarded.

Upon viewing the Whitin Gym after the fire, one was reminded of the many memorable events which took place there: the great basketball games, swimming meets, gymnastic exhibitions, plays, minstrel shows, concerts, dances. There are many pleasant memories, so many in fact that it becomes necessary to rebuild. Let's hope the drive for funds goes way over the top.

ACCOUNTING NEWS

by Rita Ferry, Gloria Novack, and Nancy Trainor

We have many additions to our department. We welcome Betty Kuipers and May Ann Labonte to the Cost Section and the following people to Machine Accounting: Shirley Smith, Charles Bois, Mary Zacchilli, June Judson, all of Whitinsville; Caroline Salatiello, East Douglas; Alfred Brouillette, Southbridge; Tony Rossi, Shrewsbury; Grace Lamarco, East Douglas, and Fernande Perras of Northbridge. . . . Jacqueline Lemire has left us to accept a position in Washington, D. C. Jackie made many friends while working at W.M.W. and all their good wishes go with her. The entire office force gave Tranet-

Jackie such a gala farewell that she was beginning to wonder just what we were celebrating. Approximately 75 people gathered at the N. V. Cafe in North Uxbridge at a Thursday noon luncheon in her honor. She was presented with a check and a short speech was made by Mr. Ken Crossman. On Wednesday evening, April 8, the girls in the Cost Section enjoyed a dinner at the Old Mill in Westminster, Mass. Everyone had a very pleasant evening and Jackie was presented with an orchid corsage. . . . Nancy Arguin has replaced Jacqueline Lemire in the Roving group.

We were all saddened by the sudden death of Roscoe Knight. The supervisors and several of his co-workers were able to attend the funeral. . . . Marshall Clark is back with us after a short hospital stay. Now Brad Brown is spending sometime in Whitinsville Hospital and Ray Colby is hospitalized at St. Vincent's. We hope that they will both be back soon. . Paul Trinque is sporting a new blue Nash station wagon. Millie and Don Amiro are the proud owners of a new Hillman-Minx. Millie had to muster up a little courage to drive her new foreign car, since the shift is different from the American made cars. . . . Norman Mac-Intyre, who formerly worked in the Main Office, is now working with us. . . . May Ann Labonte worked in Cost before her marriage and we are happy to see her back again. . . . Howard E. Cook has received his 25-year pin. . . . Cal Hubbard scared us all with a mild case of measles. Most of us had to check way, way back to our childhood to remember whether we are immune or susceptible. . . . A dinner for Kermit Bickford of Cost and Betty Lanagan of #2 Office was held at the Embassy Club, Woonsocket, on May 14. Kermit and Betty were married May 23.

Birthday celebrants for June and July are Don Rae, Bea Gauthier, Rita Ferry,



A farewell party for Linda Stone was held in the Whitbec office during the noon hour on April 24. Linda has moved to Hartford, Connecticut

Norman MacIntyre, Theresa Gorman, Aileen Morin, Fay Goggins, Pat McLaughlin, Marjorie DeJong, Barbara Dodge, John Miracle, Gloria Rainey, Mildred Amiro, Howard Cook, Ruth Thompson, Yvonne Lash, Herb Barnes, Virginia Audette, and Dottie Dwight. . . June and July wedding anniversaries will be celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garabedian, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Colby, Cleve and Pauline Reynolds, Simonne and Phil Grenier, Peggy and Al Destrempes, Bob and Lucille Smalarz, Eileen and James Forsythe, Earl and Janet Eccleston, Walter and Gladys Anderberg, Clarice and Edmond Sareault, Helena and Glen Bloem, Muriel and Victor Romasco, Victoria and Henry Roy, Merwin and Edith Brown, Lucien and Pauline Horent, Marjorie and Sidney DeJong, Florence and Armand LeBeau, Mildred and Don Amiro, Rita and Bob Ferry, Dick and Peg Hanny, Ernie and Ann Chase, Nancy and Francis Trainor, and Agnes and George Krikorian.

METHODS

by Jean Cunningham

Many happy returns to Harold Buma, Frank DeHaas, Hjalmar Larson, G. Frank Martin, George Shaw, and Earl Mason who celebrated birthdays in May and to George Hartley, Francis Mateer, Simon Wiersma, Mary Anderson, Frank Martin, Jr., and Catherine Larsen who will celebrate in June. . . . On their wedding anniversary on April 25, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mateer were taken out to supper by their daughter and son-in-law. . . . In celebration of his wedding anniversary on April 4, Paul Wheeler brought in cake and ice cream to share with the office at noon. . . . At the annual banquet Louis Belval and John Walsh received their 40-year pins from President J. Hugh Bolton. At that time Dave Magill received his 50-year gold watch from Mr. E. Kent Swift, Sr. . . Earl Mason is awaiting the arrival of his new Ford. . . . We hope that Frank Budnick and Benjamin Musket, who have been out because of illness, will soon return. In their absence, Charles Mateer sometimes wins in the noon-hour cribbage games but interest in cribbage has declined.

ENGINEERING AND MASTER LIST DEPARTMENTS

by Louis Lucier and Frances Healy

Birthdays for the month of March as follows: Earl Wood, Dick Ramsbotham, Robert K. Brown, Louis Lucier, Carlton Baker, J. Ferry and A. Zanchetti. For April, birthdays were observed by the following: S. Witek, John Tebeau, Henry Rivet, and Edward Jerominek. . . . The big news of the past couple of months has been the number of persons that have been hit by the virus bug. Frances Healy spent three weeks in the Whitinsville Hospital and John Lash spent approximately the same length of time recuperating at home. At this writing, they are both back with us doing very well. Our departments are now practically back to normal and we certainly hope with the coming of warm weather the bug will take a vacation. . . . On March 17, E. Bedigian was presented his 20-year service pin. . . . On May 6, the Engineering Golf League began its third season at Longdraft Course. Another banner year is expected. . . . At this writing, John Tebeau has entered the hospital with phlebitis in the hands. We certainly hope John gets better very soon and is back with us before long.

YOUR SON, LITTLE LEAGUE, AND YOU

According to a recent report in a newspaper, a nearby town is trying to decide if it is worth while continuing its Little League program. In that town the problem is a lack of interest on the part of the parents. They refuse to give any of their time to the operation of the league.

We are happy to report that the situation is different in the town of Northbridge. The men of this community are glad to serve in official and supervisory capacities. Consequently, it looks as if our Little League will enjoy another banner year.

However, although the league managers do an excellent job of teaching the youngsters how to play good baseball in a sportsmanlike manner, the directors of the league feel that greater results could be achieved if more of the parents attended the games. It's the opinion of the directors that the parents' presence would encourage the youngsters to take even more interest in baseball.

> LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



To Aram Carey, Department 454, and Mrs. Carey, a son, Glenn A., weight 7 lbs. 1 oz., on April 16.

To Roland Wilson, Department 402, and Peggy Zanchetti Wilson, a son, Peter Joseph, weight 7 lbs. 12 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on April 14.

To Edward Lamontagne, Linwood Division, and Mrs. Lamontagne, a daughter, Dolores Marie, weight 7 lbs. 15 oz., on February 21.

To Hertsen Heerdt, Tool Job, and Mrs. Heerdt, a daughter, Diane Elizabeth, weight 7 lbs. 7 oz., on January 9.

To Cleveland and Pauline Reynolds, Department 462, a daughter, Laurie Ann on March 31.

To Paul Trinque, Department 462, and Mrs. Trinque, a daughter, Teresa Ann, 6 lbs. 9 oz., on April 16.

To Charles Bois, Department 462, and Mrs. Bois, a daughter, Victoria Lynn, 6 lbs. 12 oz. on April 5.

To Albert Szkutak, Department 423, and Mrs. Szkutak, a son, Robert H., weight 9 lbs. 2 oz., at Hahnemann Hospital on April 18.

To Douwe Fekkes, Department 423, and Mrs. Fekkes, a daughter, Joy Marie, weight 8 lbs. 12 oz., at Whitinsville Hospital on April 14.



The engagement of Eleanor Ranslow, Engineering Department, to Richard Doble has been announced. No date has been set for the wedding.

The engagement of Beverly Conary, Wage Standards, to William Vincent of North Uxbridge has been announced.

Donald Gosselin, Planer Job, and Elaine Dupre, Research Division, were married in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Linwood, on April 18.

Normand Gagnon, Department 428, and Muriel Casanant were married in Holy Family Church, Woonsocket, on April 8.

George Baldwin, Department 420, and Josephine DeMars were married in Trinity Episcopal Church, Whitinsville, on April 25

Kermit Bickford, Accounting, and Betty Lanagan, #2 Office, were married in the Baptist Church, Uxbridge, on May 23. Arthur E. Dupre, Department 488, and Mary Ann Smith of Whitinsville will be married in St. Patrick's Church on June 27.



Anna Kusiak, wife of Peter Kusiak, night group leader in Department 660, died recently.

Elyce Rainville, formerly of the Tin Job, died in the Woonsocket Hospital on April 2.

Mrs. Mary E. Prince, mother of Raymond Prince of Department 451, died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, on March 23.

Joseph Moss, 76, former Whitin salesman, died at his home at 632 Park Avenue, Woonsocket, on March 5.

Patrick H. Walsh, 70, of 141 High Street, Woonsocket, died in the Dunn Nursing Home, Lincoln, R. I., on March 4.

Joseph J. Christy, 61, died at his home on Wards Lane, Northbridge, on March 15.

Louis Bergeron, 83, of 261/2 Brook Street, Whitinsville, died in the Beaumont Rest Home, Northbridge, on March 4.

Louis A. Hayward, 72, of 188 North Main Street, Uxbridge, died in his home on April 4. He was formerly a motorman on the electric car lines.

Sarkis Ovoian, 67, of 871/2 East Street, Whitinsville, died in his home on March 23-

Roscoe G. Knight, 72, of 46 High Street, Whitinsville, died in The Memorial Hospital on April 15. He was employed in the Accounting Department.

Joseph R. Majeau, 27, of 73 South Main Street, Uxbridge, died April 2. He was employed in Department 426.

Joseph Tracey, nephew of Joseph Branigan of Department 594, died March 13.

Thomas Galvin, 86, father of Dorothy Hanley of Department 494, died in St. Vincent's Hospital on April 14.

Mrs. Anna Handfield, of Upton, Mass., sister of Arthur Gauvin of Department 426, died recently.

Napoleon Sansoucy, 75, of 1165 Providence Road, Whitinsville, died April 19.

Emerson Coombs, 52, of Harkness Road, Sutton, died in The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, on April 18.

Harold M. Varney, for forty years a foreman with the Boston and Maine railroad, died April 12 and Ida H. Brown of Alton, N. H., died April 22. They were the brother and sister of Ben Varney.

Joseph Gervais, 86, father of Eugene Gervais, Box Job, died in Manseau, Quebec, on April 23.

Joseph Deneault, 64, Foundry, of 19 Maple Street, Whitinsville, died May 2.

Benjamin Musket, Sr., 54, Methods, of 60 Bassett Street, Pawtucket, died May 2.

